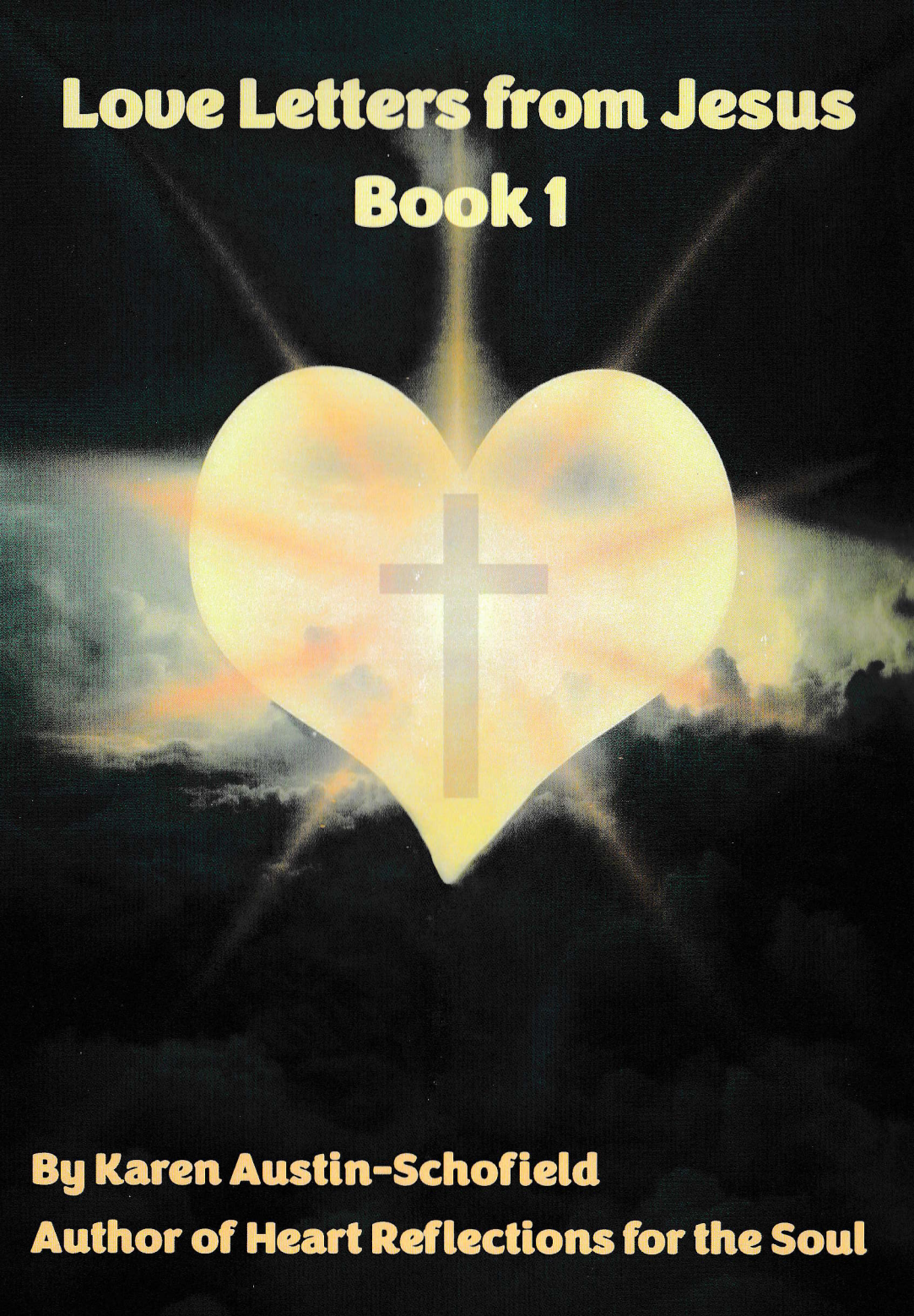
Love Letters from Jesus
Book 1



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Foreword

Hello, I'm Karen. Originally from Michigan, USA, I'm now living in Australia with my husband. I'm a disciple of Jesus, a prayer warrior, a wife, a homemaker, a writer, a podcast maker, and so much more. I do not consider myself merely religious—I'm in a relationship with Jesus that is a lifestyle.

I'm passionate about prayer; studying, memorizing, and praying God's Word—the Bible; spending time with family and friends; encouraging and inspiring others; enjoying nature; and photography.

I've found that God truly does work out all things for our good and His glory when we allow Him to. My prayer ministry is one way God is fulfilling this in my life. He does not waste any of our tears. He turns ashes into beauty, gives joy for mourning, and replaces the spirit of heaviness with praise. He sets the captives free. This book is one result of God's transforming power in my life.

We are all on the journey called life, and I would love to be a part of your journey—to inspire you to draw close to Jesus, the One who can heal you, set you free, and fill you with His perfect peace. I pray that God will use the biblically based love letters in this book to speak directly to your heart, just as He has spoken to mine.

In this book, you will find Heart Reflections for the Soul that are truly Heart Reflections drawn from my times spent with Jesus, and it is my way of sharing what I've experienced in Him—His love, hope, peace, and joy,

May you be truly blessed and experience God's endless care and presence every day.

Love and prayers,

Karen

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I Will Shine Through You

Today we will be reflecting on the beautiful truth—Jesus wants to shine through us.

But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel. Philippians 1:12 NKJV

My Dear Precious Child,

I have not forgotten you. I have not abandoned you. I have waited so that I may be gracious to you. I know you are in pain. I see your affliction. I hear your cry. I am collecting your tears in My tear bottle. One day I will wipe away all your tears. I will touch you and make you whole. Your suffering will not be wasted. I will use all the evil that the enemy meant for harm, for your good, and to spread the gospel that I may be glorified. Wait on Me. Patiently endure to the end like a good soldier and I will give you the crown of life. My grace will strengthen you in ways that you cannot imagine at this time. In your weakness, My power will shine through you and others will see Me shining through you. Rejoice therefore in the midst of your trials knowing that I am refining you, molding you to be like Me. I will help you forget your complaint, put off your sad face, and wear a smile for I the LORD your God AM with you always even unto the end.

Love,
Jesus

May you always remember—Jesus wants to shine through you.

For Further Reflection Read: Isaiah 49:15-16; 40:31; 30:18; Deuteronomy 31:8; Hebrews 13:5; Exodus 3:7; Psalms 34:15; Psalms 56:8; Revelation 21:4; Matthew 28:20; Romans 8:28; Genesis 50:20; James 1:2-4; I Peter 1:6-7; Psalms 27:13-14; II Timothy 2:3; II Corinthians 12:9; Ephesians 3:20; Job 9:27

I Have Inscribed You on My Hands

Today we will be reflecting on the beautiful truth—Jesus has inscribed us on the palms of His hands.

See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me. Isaiah 49:16 NKJV

My Dear Precious Child,

I see your tears. I am collecting them in My tear bottle. Even your unshed tears do not go unnoticed. I am weeping with you. I too know what it is like to be abased, abused, and abandoned. Fear not, for even if your own mother and father abandon you, I will never abandon you. I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands. One day, like Thomas, you will be able to see the scars in My hands and in My side as evidence of how much I love you. I gave My life for you so that you may be set free from the snares of the evil one. For now, I am asking you to trust Me, believe in Me, and I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. If you believe in Me, I will give you abundant life filled with peace and joy.

Love,
Jesus

May you always remember—when Jesus died for you, He inscribed you on the palms of His hands.

For Further Reflection Read: Psalms 56:8; Hebrews 4:15; Isaiah 53:3; Philippians 2:8; Psalms 27:10; John 10:10, 11; John 8:36; II Timothy 2:26; Isaiah 41:10

I AM the Source of Living Water

Today we will be reflecting on the beautiful truth—Jesus is the source of Living Water.

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts." Revelation 21:6 NKJV

My Dear Precious Child,

I AM the Rock of your salvation—the source of Living Water. I alone can satisfy your every longing. I know your desires. I know you long for things this world cannot give you. You thirst for peace and joy. You think that you can find them in circumstances, people, or things. But true joy and peace do not come from what is temporary. Come to Me to satisfy your every longing, for those who drink of the Living Water will be satisfied. Then you will experience the abundant life of peace and joy that I long to give you. Even when you walk through the darkest valleys of life, you will not be afraid, for I AM with you always. I will comfort you. I will refine you. I will prepare a place for you, that you may dwell with Me forever.

Love,
Jesus

May you always remember—Jesus desires to give you Living Water.

For Further Reflection Read: Exodus 17:6; John 14:2-3, 27; John 7:37; John 4:10-14; John 10:10; Psalms 23:4; II Corinthians 1:3-4; Psalms 62:2; Jeremiah 2:13; John 16:33; I Corinthians 10:4; Philippians 4:6-7

I AM Your Song

Today we will be reflecting on the beautiful truth—Jesus is our Song.

The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. Psalms 118:14 NKJV

My Dear Precious Child,

As long as you are in this world, there will be trials and tribulations, but take heart for I have overcome the world. Your heartaches, your disappointments, your waiting, will all seem so small compared to the heavenly home I am even now preparing for you. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human can imagine the magnificent things I have in store for those who love Me. Seek Me first, My Kingdom and My righteousness—and I will take care of all your needs. Cast all your cares upon Me for I care for you. Abide in My presence and I will give you peace and rest for your soul. I will fill you with joy. Draw near to Me—and I will draw near to you. Delight in Me and I will give you the desires of your heart. I will create in you a new heart—and renew a right spirit in you. I will put a new Song in your heart, for I will be your Song.

Love,
Jesus

May you always remember—Jesus is your Song.

For Further Reflection Read: John 16:33; I John 5:4-5; Romans 8:37; John 14:2-3,27; I Corinthians 2:9; John 16:22; Exodus 33:14; Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6:33; I Peter 5:7; Matthew 11:28-29; Joshua 1:9; Psalms 91:11-12; Jeremiah 29:11; Hebrews 13:14; II Corinthians 4:17-18; Psalms 40:3; Matthew 24:42-44; James 4:8; Ezekiel 36:26; Psalms 50:10

I Sing Over You

Today we will be reflecting on the beautiful truth—Jesus sings over us.

The Lord your God in the midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 NKJV

My Dear Precious Child,

I AM rejoicing over you with singing. With gladness, I will surround you with songs of deliverance. I will calm you with My love and fill you with My perfect peace. I delight in you as a father delights in his son. You are My own special treasure—the apple of My eye. I AM creating you into My own unique masterpiece. My love for you is from everlasting to everlasting, and with lovingkindness I AM drawing you to Myself. I AM your husband that loves you more than My own life. I gave My life to redeem you so that you may have eternal life. I have called you by your name, for you are Mine. I AM knocking, waiting for you to open your heart's door so that I may come in and dine with you. Repent, and follow Me, and the whole of Heaven will celebrate over you. Your name will be written in the Book of Life and I will give you a new name written on a white stone. You will be given the right to the Tree of Life and be able to enter in through the gates into the holy city. I AM even now preparing a beautiful place for you. You will dwell with Me forever. I will give you a seat of honor at My banquet table and feed you with the hidden manna.

Love,
Jesus

May you always remember—Jesus sings over you.

For Further Reflection Read: Psalms 32:7; Psalms 149:4; Isaiah 26:3; John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-7; Romans 5:5; Proverbs 3:12; Psalms 17:8; Zechariah 2:8; Ephesians 2:10; Psalms 103:17; Jeremiah 31:3; Isaiah 54:5; Ephesians 5:25; John 15:3; John 3:16; Isaiah 43:1; Revelation 3:20; Luke 22:29-30; Luke 15:7,10; Psalms 23:6; Revelation 3:5; Revelation 22:14; Revelation 2:7,17; Isaiah 25:6; John 14:1-4

I Keep You as the Apple of My Eye

Today we will be reflecting on the beautiful truth—Jesus keeps us as the apple of His eye.

Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me under the shadow of Your wings. Psalms 17:8 NKJV

My Dear Precious Child,

You are the apple of My eye. I will hide you under the shadow of My wings, as a mother hen gathers her chicks beneath her wings to protect them. I have placed a hedge around you so that the evil one cannot destroy you, for you are My own special treasure. You are fearfully and wonderfully made by My very own hands. Rest secure, knowing that you are in the palm of My hands, and there is nothing—no one—strong enough to pluck you from My hands. My thoughts are always towards you to bring you peace, and hope. I am taking all the good and perfect gifts that I have given you, as well as all the bad that the evil one has meant for your harm, and I am working out everything for your good and for My glory. I will make everything beautiful in My time. You are My own unique masterpiece, and I long for you to be with Me forever.

Love,
Jesus

May you always remember—You are the apple of Jesus' eye.

For Further Reflection Read: Psalms 91:4; Matthew 23:37; Job 1:10; I Peter 2:9; Psalms 139:14; Isaiah 49:16; John 10:28; Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:28; Ecclesiastes 3:11; Ephesians 2:10; John 14:3

I AM Fighting for You

Today we will be reflecting on the beautiful truth—Jesus is fighting for us.

So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them. " II Kings 6:16 NKJV

My Dear Precious Child,

Peace—Be Still! Know that I AM God. I AM greater than he who is in the world. This battle is Mine—not yours. I AM fighting for you. If I open your eyes, you will see that the army who is with us are greater in number than those with the enemy. Stand in My power and in My might. Put on My armor so that you may stand against the lies and deceptions of the evil one. Watch Me, and see how I will deliver you from all your troubles. I will do great and mighty things—exceedingly abundantly above all that you could ever ask or even imagine. I AM doing a new thing. I will make paths in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. When you walk through the waters, I will be with you. The rivers of affliction will not pass over you. When you walk through the fires of affliction, you will not be burned. I will purify you through the refiner's fire. I AM giving you beauty for ashes. I AM restoring to you the years the locusts have eaten. You will be My own masterpiece—fit for glory.

Love,
Jesus

May you always remember—Jesus is fighting for you.

For Further Reflection Read: Psalms 46:10; I John 4:4; Exodus 14:14; Ephesians 6:10-18; Psalms 54:7; Psalms 107:13-14; Psalms 34:4, 19; Ephesians 2:10; 3:20; Jeremiah 33:3; Isaiah 43:2,19; I Peter 1:7; Isaiah 61:3; Joel 2:25

I Have Overcome

Today we will be reflecting on the beautiful truth—that because Jesus has overcome, so can we.

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. I John 4:4 NKJV

My Dear Precious Child,

Do not be afraid of the one who kills or destroys; do not let anyone or anything steal the peace and joy that I give you. In My presence, you will find true rest. In this world, you will face trials and tribulations just as I did. Do not be afraid or dismayed, for I, the LORD your God, AM with you always. My angels are encamped around you to protect you and deliver you from all your troubles. I have plans to give you hope and peace. I will uphold you. Wait on Me, and you can overcome in My strength—for I have overcome the world. This world is not your home. The afflictions you now face will end, and when looking forward to eternity, they will grow strangely dim. I AM even now preparing a place for you with such wondrous things that you cannot imagine. Watch and be ready, for soon I will come back to take home those who believe in Me.

Love,
Jesus

May you always remember—Jesus wants to help you overcome.

For Further Reflection Read: Matthew 10:28; John 16:33; I John 5:4-5; Romans 8:37; John 14:2-3, 27; John 16:22; Exodus 33:14; Philippians 4:13; Matthew 11:28-29; Isaiah 41:10; Joshua 1:9; Psalms 34:7; Psalms 91:11-12; Jeremiah 29:11; Hebrews 13:14; II Corinthians 4:17-18; Matthew 24:42-44

I Provide a Way of Escape

Today we will be reflecting on the beautiful truth—Jesus provides a way of escape.

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.
I Corinthians 10:13 NKJV

My Dear Precious Child,

I am always ready to forgive those who come to Me with contrite hearts. My mercies are new every morning. I did not come into the world to condemn it but to save it. I am not willing that any should perish, but desire all to come to repentance. I have promised that if I was lifted up, I would draw every person to Me. My goodness and mercy will pursue you—My lovingkindness shall draw you all the days of your life. I understand your hardships and temptations, for I, too, experienced them. Be not discouraged or dismayed, but take heart, for I have overcome the world. If I am abiding in you, and you in Me, you will see the way of escape I will provide for you, for I will not allow you to be tempted more than you can endure. Trust Me, through My strength, you can overcome all things. I long to give you abundant life.

Love,
Jesus

May you always remember—Jesus provides a way of escape for you.

For Further Reflection Read: Psalms 51:17; Psalms 23:6; Philippians 4:13; John 3:17; John 12:32; John 16:33; John 15:4 -5; Lamentations 3:22-23; Jeremiah 31:3; II Peter 3:9; John 10:10; Hebrews 4:15; I John 1:9

I Created You to Create

Today we will be reflecting on the beautiful truth—Jesus created us to create.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit. Proverbs 18:21 NKJV

My Dear Precious Child,

I am the One who, by the Words of My mouth, formed the world and created many beautiful things for your enjoyment. In My desire to love and be loved, I chose to make man and woman in My own image. I formed Adam from the dust of the Earth and breathed into him the Breath of Life. Then I took a rib from his side and formed Eve to be a companion and helper for him. I have made you to create too. With your hands, you form things. With your words, you build or destroy, for the power of life and death is in the tongue. Be diligent to guard your heart, for everything you do and say flows from it. Be careful to shield your eyes from destructive images and your ears from perverse sounds. Do not even touch what is evil. Keep your feet from the path that leads to destruction. Guard your tongue so that no wicked speech will come out of it. Speak only that which will edify and build up. Hide My Word in your heart, so that when you are tempted, you will find the way of escape I have prepared for you. Take every thought captive, discerning whether it is from Me or the evil one, so that you will not be deceived. Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, all that you do should be done for My glory. In Me, you can do all things. Take hold of My strength and make peace with Me, for I desire to be your forever friend.

Love,
Jesus

May you always remember—Jesus created you to create.

For Further Reflection Read: Genesis 1; Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7,18, 21-22; Proverbs 4:23-25; Colossians 2:21; Psalms 34:13-14; Matthew 7:13-14; Ephesians 4:29; Psalms 119:11; I Corinthians 10:13, 31; Colossians 3:17; II Corinthians 10:5-6; Philippians 4:13; Isaiah 27:5

My Power Rests Upon You

Today we will be reflecting on the beautiful truth—Jesus' power rests upon us.

Or let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me. Isaiah 27:5 NKJV

My Dear Precious Child,

I know you feel faint, weak, and weary. Come unto Me, and cast your burdens upon Me. Take hold of My strength, and you will experience a true peace that only I can give you. When you are weak, it is then that My strength is made perfect, for My power rests upon you and shines through you. I have a plan and a purpose for you. I have chosen you to be a light for Me. I have chosen you to proclaim the good news, so that the captives can be set free, and the brokenhearted can be healed. I have comforted you in all your troubles so that you may comfort others in the same way I have comforted you. Weep with those who weep. Mourn with those who mourn. Bring comfort to My people. Tell them I want to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness—and an abundant life.

Love,
Jesus

May you always remember—that when Jesus' power rests upon you, He can do great and mighty things in you and through you.

For Further Reflection Read: Matthew 11:28-30; Psalms 55:22; I Peter 5:7; Isaiah 61:1-3; II Corinthians 1:3-4; II Corinthians 12:9; Jeremiah 29:11; Psalms 147:3; Isaiah 40:1; Matthew 5:14; II Corinthians 1:3-4; Isaiah 49:6; Romans 12:15; John 10:10, 14:27; Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:6-7

From My Heart to Yours

Dear Precious Readers,

I hope that as you read these love letters from Jesus, they warmed your heart, inspired you, and sparked a desire in you to draw close to Him—just as they did for me when I first wrote them and each time I read them again.

These timeless reflections, which rest on the eternal, unshakable promises of God in His Word, the Bible, are drawn from my daily talks with Jesus. My heart is full of awe as He speaks to me through prayer and meditation on His Word, and I record these precious words of comfort and inspiration so that He may use them to speak to others—encouraging them and reminding them of His love and care. He is always near. He sees your afflictions, hears your cries, and is waiting for you to invite Him to be your Friend.

Memorizing and meditating on God's Word helps me hear His voice more clearly. I'd like to invite you to try this free class, Crash Course, at FAST Missions **(www.fast.st/cc/18613)** to learn some of the tips that have helped me in memorizing God's Word.

I am so glad that you've become a part of my journey with Jesus by reading this book, and I hope you will continue this beautiful journey with me by exploring more **heartreflectionsforthesoul.com** or searching Heart Reflections for the Soul at **faithfm.com.au.**

My prayer is that these reflections help you sense Jesus' presence and hear His voice in your life, in the same warm, personal way He speaks to me.

With love and prayer,

Karen

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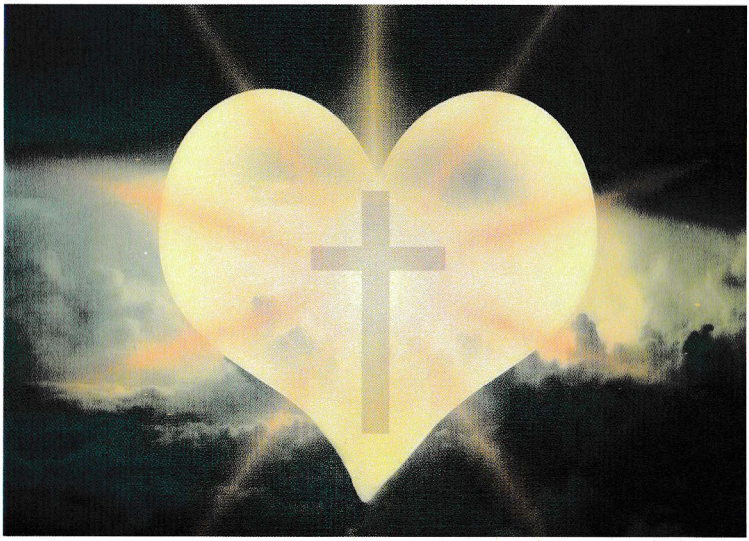

These love letters were written as Jesus spoke to my heart. I share them with you—to inspire, encourage, and draw you closer to Jesus.

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